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SUBJECT: NEW MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA

1. EDMUNDO FLORES FERNANDEZ WAS APPOINTED MEXICO'S AMBASSADOR TO CUBA ON DECEMBER 5, 1974. FLORES HAD SERVED SINCE AUGUST 1973 AS MEXICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FAO IN ROME. HE REPLACES VICTOR ALFONSO MALDONADO, WHO IS BEING SENT AS AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL.

2. FLORES WAS AN EMBASSY CONTACT UNTIL 1967. COMPLETE BIO INFORMATION ON HIM IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON FROM THE YEARS 1962-67. OTHER THAN A REPORT IN OCTOBER 1973 WHICH STATED THAT FLORES WAS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S KITCHEN CABINET, THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF HIS ACTIVITIES FROM 1967 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE FAO.

3. FLORES IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED BIRTH CONTROL, AND ONE OF THE FEW PROMINENT FIGURES TO GO PUBLIC ON THE ISSUE. IT IS RUMORED THAT HE WAS OFFERED AND TURNED DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO PEKING.

4. FLORES IS FREQUENTLY ANTI-US. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FLORES WILL BE AN AMBASSADOR SYMPATHETIC TO THE CASTRO REGIME.
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